

CLASS SPECIFICATION
County of Fairfax, Virginia

CLASS CODE: 3137

TITLE: PHYSICAL THERAPIST II

GRADE: S-24

DEFINITION:

Under general supervision, provides a full range of physical therapy treatments to clients; teaches home exercises and other physical therapy procedures to the parents of children with a physical disability; and performs related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS:

This is the full-performance level of physical therapy.

ILLUSTRATIVE DUTIES:

Consults with physicians in determining appropriate types of modalities;
Administers various forms of physical therapy treatment;
Gives active, passive, assisted, resistive, and postural exercises;
Performs muscle testing and re-education;
Fits crutches to the appropriate length and teaches proper walking gaits;
Observes client reaction and takes necessary precautions to protect the client from injury;
Maintains progress notes on clients;
Keeps treatment room and equipment in order.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

Considerable knowledge of, and the ability to administer, various types of physical therapy treatments;
Knowledge of the operation and care of physical therapy equipment;
Knowledge of anatomy and physiology;
Ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing;
Ability to establish and maintain effective relationships with children and parents.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Any combination of education, experience, and training equivalent to:
Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a bachelor's degree in a physical therapy program accredited by the American Physical Therapy Association or the American Medical Association; PLUS
One year of experience as a physical therapist.

CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES REQUIRED:

Possession of a valid physical therapy license issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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